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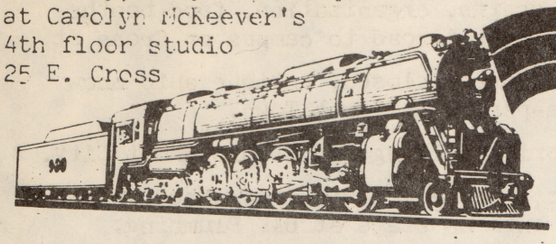
DEPOT TOWN ASSOCIATION INC.
NEXT MONTHLY MEETING:
Thursday, July 19, 7:30pm
at Carolyn McKeever's
4th floor studio
25 E. Cross



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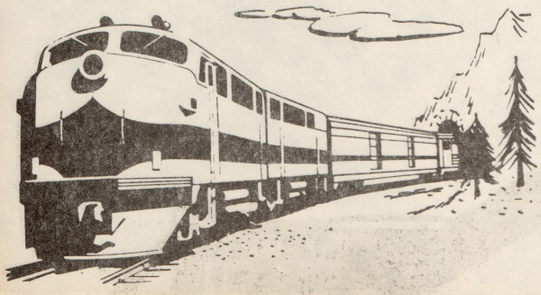
TAKE THE TRAIN WITH US!
The five DTA-sponsored Amtrak trips to Detroit's Renaissance Center have been so successful that more are planned:
Saturday, July 21,28 & August 4. ($8 per person, $6 under 12)

CHICAGO TRIP MOVED.....
to Saturday & Sunday
August 18 & 19
($85 per person, $60 under 12)
includes 4-hour train trip, hotel, dinner, breakfast.

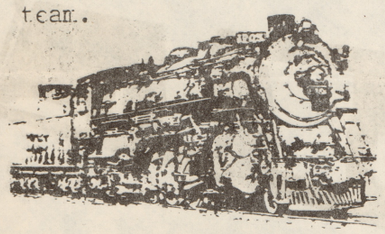
TICKETS FOR ALL TRIPS ARE AVAILABLE AT WEBER'S PHARMACY AND RIVER ART WORKS.



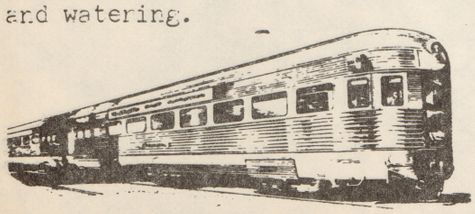
C.E.T.A. INCLUDES OWN BOSS...
Patty Locke, an EMU graduate in Special Education, is the on-site supervisor of the neighborhood project team. They include:

Marvin Griggs
Jeff McKay
Freddy Tubbs
Elizabeth Wilson

They will also be helping prepare for the Farmers' Market opening and the Heritage Festival. David French, of the Alibi Bar, is the DTA Liason to the CETA team and will forward your project ideas and suggestions to Patty and her team.



FLOWERS COVER DIESEL FUMES
in the bunker-like planters installed a year ago. Many thanks to so many volunteers in their neighborhood for early planting and regular weeding and watering.



DEPOT TOWN FARMERS' MARKET APPROACHES

It's been a long agenda:

* Depot Town and City representatives met with Michigan State University researchers to see if a Farmers' Market site would be feasible in the area. MSU polled consumers and producers around the state. Go ahead, they said. Depot Town is perfect for it.

* Ypsilanti Community Development bureaucrats secured grant money for development of the concept.

* A Citizen's Advisory Council was formed to guide the project to completion. Council members represent the City, consumers, producers and the neighborhood. (Council member Peter Murdock is now asking for one more Depot Town representative to work with Mary Liskow and Gerry Meadows. See July 19 meeting.)

The Department of Public Works has been working in the site for the last four weekends - now full time - in preparation for the August opening of the long-awaited outlet for farm-fresh Michigan produce to city and area consumers.

* The open space between the Eagles and the Karate studio is being paved, bricked and planted -- as a pedestrian walkway from Cross Street sidewalks directly to the heart of the Market.

Trash, abandoned buildings have been hauled away, brush cut, trees trimmed, new storm sewers installed. Only grading, curbing and paving need to be complete before the August 4th opening of the Market.

* Depot Towners have been investigating the installation of an antique caboose for Market Manager and Association offices.

* There have been many roadblocks to this development over the last two years, but a rationale of community service and perseverance have overcome them.

Now, as the City is ready to sign a contract with Conrail for the freight house, which will be the indoor market in another year, a tenant of that building takes the City Manager and a Conrail official to court to block the transaction and completion of the Market concept. He claims to have heard about the project only recently, while the rest of the community has been working openly and obviously for nearly two years on the community project.

Many more committees, meetings, hearings and notices will pass in front of us all before we see the completion of the total DEPOT TOWN PLAN, but the "positive attitude of the people in Depot Town" (described recently in the YPSILANTI PRESS) will help us to realize our goals without fail.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 1979 DEPOT TOWN ASSOCIATION DUES?

Regular Membership	$20 per year
Associate (non voting	$ 3 per year

Secretary-Treasurer Gwen McCauley will be happy to put your name on a DTA membership card at the July 19th meeting. Support your local Association.

Deopt Town Merchants:
On behalf of the Ypsilanti PUblic Schools, I wish to extend my sincere appreciation for the part you played in making the Fourth of July Road Run a booming success.

Please extend my appreciation to all those people who actively took part and assisted with the aid station in Depot Town -- just a great job! I am indebted to you and the Depot Town merchants for your most significant role in this affair. It is gratifying to know that you can rely and count on people like yourself when the need arises.

Again, I am deeply appreciative of all the time ycu spent in helping us formulate this event. Please extend my best wishes to all those who were involved who may have been overlooked. I am looking forward to working with you in the near future.

Sincerely, Michael L. Duff, Director
Community Education, Ypsilanti PUblic Schools

(ed. Nearly 500 runners sped through the district on the 10,000 meter Fun Run, spearheaded by Mike. Thank him, too.)

DEPOT TOWN IS FOCUS OF ACTIVITY FOR THE YPSILANTI YESTERYEAR HERITAGE FESTIVAL! AUGUST 24,25,26,1979.....

* Art, crafts, organization, food booths from the railroad to campus on Cross St.
* Cross Street closed, antique auto show angle-parked in Depot Town.
* Historic Building Tours throughout City.
* Music, theatre, magic, and other entertainments on stage at B&D Plumbing.
* Wallenda High Wire Act on Frog Island. (See this month's READERS' DIGEST)
* Chicken bar-be-cue, pancake breadfast and other dining delights in Riverside Park.
* DTA will run the "beer tent". Many volunteers are needed. Come to the July 19 meeting and help us out.
* Much more at the Historical Museum, EMU, Washington Mall and across the City.
* Shuttle busses with free transportation from outlying public parking lots set up at I -94, Ford Motor, EMU Hoyt Towers.

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